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overwriting information or data recorded on a magneto-optical recording medium, wherein  
[said] the information erasing means [facility] is formed by an erasing magnet having a magnetic field which is  
5 directed opposite to the magnet of the writing device and  
which has a field strength sufficient to initialize the magneto-optical recording medium.

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10. (Amended) Magneto-optical recording or reproducing device [having] comprising:  
an information erasing [facility] means and, in the case of [a] recording [device, having] information, a writing device, formed from a writing magnet and an optical scanning device, for overwriting information or  
15 data recorded on a magneto-optical recording medium[, comprising:]  
a first optical scanning device connected to a writing magnet for recording data on the magneto-optical recording medium[,];

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20 an erasing magnet having a magnetic field which is directed opposite to the magnet of the writing device and having a field strength sufficient for initializing the magneto-optical recording medium[,]; and

a second optical scanning device for reproducing  
25 information or data stored on the magneto-optical recording medium, [for the purpose of] the first and second optical scanning devices simultaneously recording and reproducing information or data.

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REMARKS

Claims 1-4 and 6-10 are pending.

Responsive to the objection to the abstract, Applicant requests that the abstract on file be replaced with the replacement abstract indicated above.

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Responsive to the objection to Claims 1 and 10, the claims have been amended as follows: in Claims 1 and 10, the term "erasing facility" has been replaced by --information erasing means--; in Claims 1 and 10, the phrase "in the case of a recording device" has been